

## THE NEW COUNTY BILL

Calender No. 625.

Serate.

**THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS,**  
To whom was referred a Bill to establish Dillon County, respectfully

### REPORT:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that said bill be printed and placed on the desks of the members.

B. F. KELLEY, Chairman of Committee.

In the Senate.

Read the first time January 11, 1910.

## A BILL

To Establish Dillon County:

WHEREAS at an election ordered and held in accordance with the laws of this State the qualified voters residing in a certain portion of Marion county did decide by the necessary legal vote in favor of the formation of a new county; and, whereas the conditions required by the constitution and laws of this State regulate the formation of new counties and have been complied with;

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. That a new county as a judicial and election district is hereby formed and established pursuant to the constitution and laws of this State, the same to have the following boundaries:

Beginning at the mouth of Mill Creek where it empties into Big Pee Dee River and in middle of said river at said point; thence up the run of said creek to the bridge on the river road to a stake XIII N. thence N. 75 deg. 56 min. E. 4395 feet to a stake XIII N. at the intersection of Gum Swampy and Cud Swamp; thence up the run of Cud Swamp to the public road leading from L. D. Haselden's to Sellers, to a stake near bridge; thence N. 82 deg. 47 min. E. 3061 feet along said road to the town limits of Sellers to a stake; thence N. 10 deg. 26 min. W. 3496.5 feet to a stake X; thence N. 87 deg. 43 min. E. 2100 feet to a stake X; thence N. 53 deg. 22 min. E. 1335 feet to a stake X; thence S. 56 deg. 32 min. E. 1107 feet to a stake X; thence N. 82 deg. 30 min. E. 11801 feet to a stake; thence N. 69 deg. 40 min. E. 5678 feet to an iron stake west side of the Marion and Latta public road near David Watson's; thence N. 88 deg. 30 min. E. 2305 feet to an iron stake on the public highway leading from Latta towards Marion, S. C., on the old Bryant place, the said roads being the ones heretofore referred to in the original petition setting forth the boundary line of the proposed new county; thence S. 89 deg. 10 min. E. 6940 feet to a stake X; thence S. 68 deg. 27 min. E. 4920 feet to a stake X; thence S. 60 deg. 10 min. E. 20545 to a stake X at east side of railroad; thence N. 51 deg. 37 min. E. 4242 feet to its intersection with Buck Swamp; thence down the run of Buck Swamp with its various courses and distances to its junction with Little Pee Dee River; thence a straight line N. 48 deg. E. 17300 feet to a stake XIII N.; thence a straight line S. 44 deg. 48 min. E. 18924 feet to a cypress tree X3N. at the juncture of Ash Pole Swamp and Lumber River; thence Lumber River the line to the North and South Carolina State line; thence the North and South Carolina State line the line to the point where it intersects the line between Marion and Marlboro counties; thence the line between Marion and Marlboro counties the line to the median line of the Great Pee Dee River; thence down the median line of said river to the beginning corner. The said county is hereby named Dillon, and the county seat thereof is hereby established in the town of Dillon.

SEC. 2. That the following named persons, R. P. Stackhouse, R. P. Hamer, Jr., T. C. Sherwood, R. H. Ivey, Rembert K. Hays, R. S. Moore, J. H. Manning, H. A. Bethea, J. Rich Hays, T. A. Dillon and J. H. David, are hereby made commissioners of the said county of Dillon, and they are vested with the power and authority to fill any vacancy that may occur by reason of death, resignation or otherwise of either of them by the election of some suitable person to fill said vacancy; and they and

their successors in office are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have the boundaries of said Dillon county duly and permanently marked as now surveyed, and to provide a suitable court house and jail by erecting and equipping suitable buildings at the county seat thereof; and they are further authorized and empowered to receive and accept in the name of and for the county of Dillon any bonds, money, lands or other gifts now donated or hereafter given towards the erection of said public buildings. The said Commissioners and their successors shall continue in office and exercise the authority and power hereby vested in them until the said court house and jail have been erected and made ready for use; Provided, That the said commissioners shall turn over to the county board of commissioners, or such other officers as shall then be clothed by law with the authority now exercised by the said county board of commissioners, all of the said public buildings when completed and ready for use, and also all of said bonds, money, lands or other gifts in their hands belonging to the said county of Dillon, and not then used and not thereafter needed by them in the erection and proper equipment of said buildings, of all of which they shall be sole judges, and then their powers and duties hereunder shall cease, and not until then; the said county board of commissioners, or such other officers as shall succeed to the powers and duties of all of said property of said county so turned over to them by the said commissioners. A majority of the said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business, and the acts of said majority shall be legal and binding to all intents and purposes. The said commissioners at their first meeting shall elect a Chairman and Secretary, and may adopt such rules and regulations for the proper conduct of their business as shall from time to time be deemed necessary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep an accurate minute book of all the proceedings and transactions of said commissioners. The said commissioners shall provide all necessary books, stationery and furniture for all county purposes made, or that may become necessary by the formation of Dillon county and the expenses of the same shall be paid by said county. The said commissioners are empowered, authorized and directed to lease temporarily all necessary offices and buildings for the purpose of conducting all county business and affairs. And they are further authorized, empowered and directed to provide a temporary place for the holding of all courts in said county, and also a temporary place for the safe-keeping of all prisoners in said county, and, in case they deem it necessary or advisable, they are authorized and empowered to make arrangements with the authorities of any adjoining county or with the State penitentiary for the keeping of any prisoners, and all expenses so incurred shall be paid by the county of Dillon.

SEC. 3. That at the time of the general election in the other counties of this State in the year 1910, there shall be held a general election in Dillon County, and at the said general election there shall be elected a Senator, one Representative, a Sheriff, a Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, a Probate Judge, a County Superintendent of Education, a Supervisor and four County Commissioners, all of whom shall perform the same duties and have the same powers that are vested in like officers in the counties of this State where such officers are now provided for by law, and such other county officers shall also be elected at the said election as are now provided for by law in the county of Marion, and each shall have such powers and perform the same duties as similar officers in Marion county, so that said general election in Dillon county shall be uniform with the general election in the other counties of this State; Provided, That on the second Tuesday in April, 1910, there shall be held in the said county of Dillon a special election at which there shall be elected a Sheriff, a Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, a Probate Judge, a County Superintendent of Education, a Supervisor, and four County Commissioners and such other county officers as are now provided for by law in Marion

county. The term of office of those elected to the offices just mentioned in the foregoing proviso shall expire and terminate at the same time and in the same manner as the term of all similar officers in Marion county, and each of such offices shall be commissioned accordingly and where a bond is required to be given by law each shall execute the same for such term. For the purpose of said special election and the said general election in said county of Dillon the Governor of the State is hereby empowered and directed to appoint upon the recommendation of the commissioners named in Section 2, Commissioners of Election as now provided for by law in the other counties of the State and the same shall have like power and perform such duties as are now required and provided for by law. And the Governor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to order the special election by giving notice thereof for three successive weeks by proclamation in some newspaper published in the county of Dillon; and the commissioners of election hereinbefore directed to be appointed shall proceed according to law to hold said election and to do all things necessary and required by law of them in the holding of this election.

SEC. 4. That until the next apportionment of representatives the said county of Dillon shall be entitled to one Senator and one Representative, who shall be elected at the general election herein provided for, and the county of Marion shall be entitled to one Senator and two Representatives.

SEC. 5. That the county of Dillon is hereby attached to the sixth congressional district and shall form a part of the fourth judicial circuit, and the regular terms of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for said county shall be held at such times as shall hereafter be fixed by law.

SEC. 6. That until the officers to be elected at the special election hereinbefore provided for shall have been elected and duly qualified and all officers required to be appointed shall have been appointed and duly qualified, each officer of Marion county shall continue to perform and exercise the duties of his office in the territory taken from Marion county to form Dillon county; but when said officers in Dillon county as herein provided shall have been elected or appointed and duly qualified, they shall immediately assume their respective duties under the laws of this State and the duties and powers of the officers of Marion county shall cease in said county of Dillon at such time.

SEC. 7. That the magistrates now holding office and residing in the said county of Dillon shall be the magistrates of said county until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified; and they shall receive the same salaries and fees that they now receive, and they are vested with the same authority and jurisdiction that they now have: Provided, That in case there be any territory in Dillon county over which neither of the magistrates in said county have heretofore exercised jurisdiction, then either magistrate in said county shall have jurisdiction in said territory in all matters wherein magistrates now have jurisdiction. The said magistrate's constable shall each receive the same salary and fees that each now receive as provided for by law.

SEC. 8. The Governor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appoint a commission of five persons, two of whom shall be residents of Marion county and two of Dillon county, and the remaining one a resident of some other county, which said commission shall divide and apportion between said counties the present lawful and bona fide indebtedness of Marion county. All expenses incurred by the commission provided for in this Section shall be paid by the county of Dillon, which shall not exceed four dollars per day and actual expenses for the time of actual service, which time shall not exceed ten days: Provided, That the said commission shall have power to employ counsel, if they deem the same necessary, to consult with and advise them in matters appertaining to the performance of their duties under this section, and to pay such compensation as they deem proper, which compensation shall be paid by the county of Dillon; and the said commission is further authorized and empowered to engage an expert accountant to assist them in their

work if they find the same necessary, and to pay such compensation as they deem proper, which shall be paid by Dillon county.

SEC. 9. The auditor of Dillon county when appointed and duly qualified, together with the auditor of Marion county, shall proceed forthwith to make up and prepare such book or books that may be necessary under the law for the purpose of showing what property in Dillon county is properly returnable and taxable in Dillon county, and all tax returns made by property owners in Dillon county, or by those having property in Dillon county, or for poll tax, to the auditor of Marion county for the year 1910 shall be delivered upon the preparation of such book or books to the auditor of Dillon county, and all taxes both upon property and poll in Dillon county shall be payable hereafter to the Treasurer of Dillon county. The auditor of Dillon county, after the preparation of such book or books, shall proceed according to law to furnish to the treasurer of Dillon county such tax book or books as are now required by law for the purpose of the collection of taxes.

SEC. 10. The Governor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appoint upon the recommendation of the commissioners named in Section 2, the board of supervisors of registration for the county of Dillon. The board of supervisors of registration of the county of Marion is hereby directed to turn over to the said board of supervisors of registration of Dillon county all books of registration of the qualified electors who-side in Dillon county; and in case any book of registration contains the names of qualified electors both Marion county and Dillon county, the board of supervisors of registration of Dillon county shall make a list of the qualified electors residing in Dillon county from such book and shall enter the same in a book of registration provided for that purpose according to law, and all books of registration when so turned over or prepared as herein provided shall be the books of registration in Dillon county to all intents and purposes; Provided, That if any qualified elector residing in Dillon county is registered at a voting place outside of said county he may vote at the nearest voting place in his township as established herein in all elections held under the law of this State until he can obtain proper registration in Dillon county.

To be continued next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Entertain.

The centre of social festivities on December 29 in the new Dillon county was at "Woodland," the country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Evans, half way between the thriving town of Clifton and Dillon.

The occasion was the silver wedding and anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who entertained from 5 to 9 and during this time they were the recipients of the congratulations of a host of their friends.

Entering the home the guests were welcomed by Mrs. C. McLaurin, Wattie McGrit and Sam Evans, who ushered them into the library, where punch was served by Miss Catherine Everett. Miss Annie May McLaurin presided at the bride's book, where each guest registered.

At the drawing room door the guests were met by Mrs. John F. Everett of Bennettsville, who presented them to Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Evans wore a lovely gown of pearl gray crepe satin, with pearl trimmings. After congratulations had been received the guests were accompanied to the dining room by Misses Maggie and Margaret McGrit, where they were received by Mesdames Margaret McGrit and Wade Stackhouse. A delicious salad course was served by Misses Weatherly, Henegan and Stackhouse. On departing each guest was presented with a souvenir of the occasion by Miss Kate Evans. SCARLE ribbon bow with the year 1909 written in silver.

Those present, Company, Chicago, Mrs. and Mrs. Davis.

Messrs. Nathan Evans and W. E. Blue, Marion; Mrs. McGrit, Miss Margaret and Wattie McGrit, Darlington; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sternberger, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Everett, Miss Katherine Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Miss Annie May McLaurin, Bennettsville. Rex. and Mrs. Richards, Blenheim; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Berry, Mrs. T. W. Berry, Mrs. Jas. H. Manning and B. H. Atkinson, Latta; Dr. and Mrs. Wade Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. W. Murchison, Mrs. Carrie Bethea, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bethea, E. P. Hayes and Miss Elizabeth Hayes, Dillon; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bennett, J. L. Bennett, Jr., W. F. Cross, Miss Cross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Strauss, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Evans, Miss Alice Medlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manning, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Covington, Mrs. Holt, Miss Ella Hughes, N. M. and F. C. Carmichael of Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. D. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith, John S. and Miss Anna McRae, J. L. and Miss Mary Weatherly, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Manton Alford, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cottingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. C. McLaurin, D. C. and Miss Lizzie Sinclair, Misses Mary Grace and Douschka Alford, Elizabeth Henegan, Annie Weatherly and Ola McGregor.

Electric Bells at R. R. Station.

It is announced that the Atlantic Coast Line will install the system of electric bells at the crossings. This system will warn pedestrians and others of its approach and after the system is installed there should be a great decrease in the number of accidents at the crossings. It is understood that the Coast Line will begin work on the system immediately.

Program of the Upper Marion Union.

The next meeting of the Upper Marion Union will be held with the Latta Baptist Church, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28th., 29th., and 30th.

Friday Morning.

10.30 A. M. Introductory Sermon by W. C. Wallace.

11.30 Enrollment of delegates and reports from the churches.

12. M. Discussion: "The Function of a New Testament Church", by H. A. Willis.

12.45. Announcement and adjournment.

Friday Evening.

7. P. M. Sermon by J. A. Brown.

Saturday Morning.

10. A. M. Devotional exercises.

10.15 Discussion: "Is there need for new emphasis on the truth?" The Gospel the Power of God unto Salvation, etc., as based on Rom. 1:16? If so, why? If not, why not? by B. K. Mason.

10.45. "To what extent and in what way is the Laman involved in Rom. 1:16? by A. E. C. Pittman.

11.15. "The best solution of the copyright problem in our Union", by W. C. Wallace.

12. M. Question Box.

12.30 Miscellaneous Business.

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## 929 POUNDS LINT COTTON TO ACRE

Cherokee Farmer Describes Methods which Won him a Prize.

Gaffney, January 16.—Special: Mr. J. W. Smith, who raised and gathered 929 pounds of lint cotton from one acre of land near Gaffney this last season, tells about it as follows: The soil used was gray, gravelly with gray subsoil. It was cultivated in corn on the Williamson plan in the year 1908. Sown in peas when corn was laid-by. Yield of corn in 1908, 87 1-2 bushels. In November, 1908, land was turned with a two-horse plough, turning under peavines. In March, 1909, broad-casted 10 two-horse loads of stable manure; afterwards used a disc harrow twice; in March used a two-horse plough, turning land again; then used smoothing harrow twice.

On April 22 laid off rows 4 1-2 feet apart, and planted cotton on level, using 200 pounds of guano to the acre.

1. Ran a weeder over twice.
2. Ran a Little Joe harrow over.
3. Ran a 10-inch shovel plough in middle.
4. Ran around cotton with side harrow.
5. Chopped out cotton May 20.
6. Ploughing used twister plough with 14-inch sweep, using bar to cotton.
7. May 29 ploughed with bull-tongued plough; with 20-inch sweep, one furrow to row.
8. June 15 ran around with plough and used 300 pounds of

guano. On August 23, ran around the other side of the cotton with a 10-inch shovel plough and used 300 pounds guano.

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Even a city reaped the benefit of the system.

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